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**PRODUCERS COKE COMPANY,**

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UNIONTOWN, PA.**





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**Looking Backward.**  
News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1884.  
The coke trade is dull and prospects for improvement are poor. Twenty-five per cent of the ovens controlled by the pool have been blown out of normal production.  
Major James H. Gray is preparing

to build a roller skating rink.

Zachariah Connell, from his home at 1000 1/2 N. 10th, says he has known Connell look 40 years younger because of fresh coat of paint.

The Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghioghenis railroad completes the line to the seven school buildings new running between that point and Pittsburg.

Christ Baisley is named school custodian. He will have to serve a school duplicate for 1884 amounts \$140.41. Treasurer H. P. Smyth submits a bond in the sum of \$8,000 to Edward W. Byrdman, railroad master and insurance broker, independent Pittsburg & Connell's railroad, dies at his home in Pittsburgh.

Artificial black stone pavement is laid in front of the Youth Host Forerunner of cement sidewalks.

**FRIDAY, June 20, 1894.**  
Detailed report of the coke run  
for the week ending Saturday, June  
23, 1894, follows:  
The region, of which 4,940 are ac-  
cording 11,664 are idle, with an estima-  
ted production of 17,604 tons.  
**Shipments for the week aggregate**  
2,873 cars, consigned as follows:  
To the West 1,200; to the East 1,  
743 cars; to points east, 254. This  
is a net increase of 123 cars over  
the week.  
The strike is gradually dying aw-  
ay. More than one-third of the ovens  
in the region are now in blast.  
Hopedale has secured a new coal  
harvest. One firm sold 20 cars at  
\$4 a ton to a consumer which was  
paid by a fuel sales agent.  
**Prices:**—Coke, \$1.15; crushed, \$1.40;  
lumpy in the train of the twenty-two-  
ton car, \$1.40. The cause of the  
killing of Engineer Joseph Padcock  
at a strike riot at Davidson, finds the

W. D. McGinnis is elected coroner of the New Haven public schools, wife Miss Elta Berger. Anna McDuff, Flora Malone and Emily Boyd completing the corps.

The third division of Coxey's army of the Commonwealth under command of Captain Sullivan, passed through town. They numbered Captain Dorsey's division of Fry army follows two days later. They were only 28 of the latter.

Engineer H. M. Kepbart smashed the time record between Pittsburgh and Connellsville with 39 cars of steel making the run in one hour and

minutes, and equaling the Fly record.

Charles Dugan of New Haven building an addition to his hotel. A old frame structure is being replaced with brick.

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1904.

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending Saturday, July 23, shows a total of 26,127 cars for this region, of which 16,422 are actuals and 6,705 are bids, with an estimated production of 172,978 tons.

Shipments for the week were 9,200 cars, condensed as follows: To Pittsburgh 3,810 cars; 40,000 tons; to

The cattle trade is on the downward trend after the first half year. Near 1,000 oxen have been blown out of the market, and the price of the few of which were Frick oxen. Five dollars is the average working time.

Rev. W. H. Gladden unanimously elected pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church for another year.

Edmund D. Miller and Miss Bertha E. Ogilvie married at the bride's home in "Liberty" or Vanderbilt.

Eleven girls and six men take examinations for permanent teacher certificates.

John Lester Koffer is named principal of the high school.

The mysterious interest which finances the Cornellsville coke plant will have hard work competing with the steel and iron products of the unemployed at 6 to 8 cents per day. Democratic conditions do not conform to Democratic theories.

President Wilson predicts that the patient, the business world, will recover after the operation. Probably, when will he recover?

The battleship Oregon should

The Clafin failure seems to have been due as much to poor management as to bad conditions, but either way were not wholly absent in transaction.

Wells Unplates may come into the country under the Democratic Tariff bill, but American coal by the same broken threatens to take over some

Dummy was in evidence at the Democratic county meeting, but there was a lot of other influential Democrats who were not. It's not certain just what Dummy brought back with him.

Spreading of the meeting of the Democratic County Committee: the *Chattanooga News* says the enthusiasm "shook the building." It also hopes to shake the plum tree.

Morgantown Democrats present college president as a candidate.

Congress. It may be all right in the particular case, but as a general proposition college presidents do just now stand high in the esteem of the ship class.

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The summer excursion business is ripe but some of the excursions are rotten.



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
ACTIONS ARE NOT  
UPHELD BY COUNCIL****Solicitor and Engineer Both  
Declare Its Stand  
Untenable.****STREET IMPROVEMENTS STARTED****Plans to be Drawn and Specifi-  
cations Prepared for Several Streets;  
Sewer Work Will be Started Soon;  
New Health Ordinance is Passed.**

If the board of health suspected it was getting the best of city council by putting the blame for its own shortcomings up to that body, the members were mistaken. The council on Monday did not make any effort to reply to the health officials, but both the city engineer and the city solicitor said enough to justify the councilmen in their contention that the health board hasn't been on the job.

City Solicitor E. C. Higbee, who was charged by the health board with leaving its work by his failure to report the health ordinance, declared that nine-tenths of the duties devolving upon a board of health are covered by the state laws, and that such matters do not require a local ordinance. He declared that if the board of health officials were familiar with their duties, there would have been no necessity for awaiting the passage of the health ordinance before going ahead.

After delivering this broadside, Higbee left the council chamber, leaving with council the new health ordinance, which passed on first reading. Mr. Higbee departed to keep another engagement.

Council, however, was not through with the health board. City Engineer C. F. Hirst submitted a diagram showing that M. J. Roland of the West Side, who owns property on Gibson street, could get into the sewer on that street without great expense, and this failed to support the contention of the health board that the health board had been on the job. He was justified in granting Roland permission to tap a cesspool, contrary to law.

Steps were taken toward starting the improvement work that is under consideration for this summer. The solicitor was directed to prepare a plan for the paving of West Main street, which is known as Ashmun avenue, from the end of the present paving to the city line. No petition is required for the paving of this street. In order to get other work started, the solicitor, engineer and purchasing agent were directed to start the machinery for paving Gibson street, from Main to Apple street; Apple street, from Prospect to Main; and Baldwin avenue from Pittsburgh to Prospect. The petition for paving Gibson street, or will be in a few days. Dr. M. H. Koehler reported that he is meeting with good success in having the petition for paving of South Pittsburgh street signed and it will likely be presented at the next meeting.

Councilman Gans also suggested that something be done in the near future. Efforts will be made to take care of the storm water that comes down the gutter at Francis and Gibson avenues; to provide sewage facilities for the residents of South Pittsburgh and South Arch street; and to do other small things for the betterment of the city. One of them a sewer along Run avenue, in the East Park addition. Councilman T. J. Hooper reported that the petition for paving of Morrison avenue would soon be filed.

A near-kill occurred during the evening over the discussion of a street flusher. Councilman Hooper of the street department suggested that the flusher be given a trial. He was opposed by Councilman Duggan, who declared that there are other pressing needs than street flushers. Hooper contended that the machine would pay for itself in a short time in the saving of labor and in other ways. He pointed out that it would not be as likely to tear up the streets as by flushing with a hose. The purchasing agent was directed to obtain bids on flushers for a 20-day trial. They cost about \$1,000. Duggan voted in the negative. Engineer Hirst submitted figures showing a comparison of costs between the old and new methods.

The paid firemen will get vacations of 10 days on pay this year and an extra man will be employed during the vacation period in order that the force may be kept up to its full strength. The firemen will also get a carpet for their rooms in the West State hospital, which the city is being directed to obtain bids.

The offer of the Connellsville Water Company to extend the fire alarm system from the South Side to the pumping station and install a bell there, providing the city would maintain it, was held over. Councilman Duggan said he wanted to be sure whether accepting the letter from the company would in any way compromise the city, while the water question is pending. The resolution was withdrawn until it can be considered at the conference this evening. The water company requested that permission be obtained from the Tri-State Telephone Company to use its poles free for the purpose of extending the alarm wires.

The request of New Kilpatrick for an extension of time for laying a sidewalk on Madison avenue was granted on condition that he lay the walk by September 1.

For the third time council refused to permit a property owner to erect steps encroaching upon the sidewalk, and Mayor Marietta became slightly testy, because the question was brought up again.

"We can't grant such permission," he said to Councilman Hooper. "What is the use of bringing the matter up. This is the third time it has been brought up. The only way to

grant such permission is to repeal the ordinance, and I am against that." J. L. Stader sought permission to construct a sidewalk in Meadow lane, and wished to erect steps on a portion of it to get into his new building. No relief could be given him. The water question was not allowed to pass without comment. Duggan brought up the matter of placing meters outside the houses. Councilman Hooper said no permission would be granted to rear up the streets for such a purpose. Duggan was directed to have H. L. Robinson, special counsel in the water dispute, present at the conference tonight.

Mayor Marietta left the meeting at 9.30 to go to the country and turned the chair over to Councilman Gans. Council adjourned at 10.35 to meet Wednesday night.

**SOMERSET WEDDINGS****Matings of Couple Among the Prosy  
Sons of Thimble.**

SOMERSET, June 30.—Miss Mary Ann Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes of Somerset township, and Harry W. Brant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Brant, of Brotherton township, were married at Zion Reformed Church, Berlin, by Rev. Henry Harbaugh Wiant.

Miss Nellie E. Hauger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hauger of Berlin, and Thomas J. Llewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Llewellyn of Bellevue, Fayette county, were married at Berlin by Rev. D. S. Stephens.

Miss Goldie Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cook of Stoyestown, and Clarence L. Hinder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinder of Berlin, were married at Johnstown, by Rev. William McCullough.

Miss Hulda Rita Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richardson of Fairhope, and George Robert Herman Merkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry John Merkel of Williamsport, were married at the home of the bride's parents by Justice of the Peace Samuel Gaumer.

Miss Estelle Jane Friedland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Friedland of Jenner township, and Darius A. Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickson of Quakamoking township, were married at the parsonage of Zion Reformed Church, Berlin, by Rev. Henry Harbaugh Wiant.

Miss Emma Letitia Maust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Maust and Norbert V. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Miller, both of Berlin, were married at Salisbury by Rev. J. C. Boehm.

Miss Beatrice Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of Berlin, and George W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Geddes, both of Windsor, were married at Windsor, by Justice of the Peace W. J. York.

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**WATER MEN SPRING  
NEW ARGUMENT ON  
BALKY CONSUMERS****Say They Will Put Meters  
Outside, If They  
Can't Get In.****TRY IT, SAYS A COUNCILMAN****Permit to Open Street for Such a  
Purpose Will be Refused, He Declares;  
Meter is Installed in Home of City  
Solicitor E. C. Higbee. No Kick  
Taken.**

The water company workmen who are installing meters throughout the city are using a new line of talk in their efforts to secure the consent of objecting householders. In one recent instance, where a woman ductily declared that she would not permit the installation of a meter unless she was convinced that every other residence in the town was similarly metered, the workmen told her that she might as well consent to have the meter put in the cellar as eventually, if she persisted in refusing, it would be installed in the street outside.

Some consumers who had their meters torn out say that they believe that course may be resorted to in their cases, more as a matter of retaliation than anything else. A councilman says he will interpose an objection to the carrying out of this threat. He says that the city will refuse to grant a permit to excavate the street for such a purpose.

Incidentally, a meter was installed in the residence of City Solicitor E. C. Higbee this week. Higbee has been one of the fiercest antagonists of the water company in their metering campaign, and at a recent meeting of council he was loudest in his denunciation of Superintendent Little and his "thief in the night plot." Members of the council who object to the meter, and Mr. Higbee has not expressed himself as to whether he will have it taken out.

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**POSTAL CHANGES IN EFFECT;  
EXTRA DELIVERY IN TOWN****Additional Service Authorized, but  
Delayed in Starting; New  
Substitutions.**

The first of July marked the inauguration of a number of changes in the postal service. Chief of these was the additional delivery in the business section, but owing to the rush of mail on the first day of the month, which was the greatest for a year, it was impossible to begin it today. Postmaster McGinnis, however, announced that by July 6, he will have the additional delivery included.

Hitherto there have been but three deliveries in the business section; but the consent of the Department was secured for additional service after the morning mail train arrived. The delivery of mail will be made at 11 o'clock, 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock on the first day of the month, which was the greatest for a year, it was impossible to begin it today. Postmaster McGinnis, however, announced that by July 6, he will have the additional delivery included.

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**TERRIFIC STORM  
SWEEPS FAYETTE;  
CROP LOSS HEAVY**

Wind and Rain Cause Much  
Damage in Both Town  
and Country.

**HEAVY DOWNPOUR IN MOUNTAINS**

Fields are Washed and Streams Flooded;  
Fruit Trees Stripped by Gale;  
Lightning Strikes Houses; Storms  
Meet With Great Violence Here.

A terrific storm which swept Fayette county last night and early Sunday caused untold damage, especially to crops. The wind and rain were responsible for the loss of a severe gale which whipped the front from many trees, especially the cherries, while between the wind and the rain, the corn fields were in some places laid almost bare.

In the mountains there was less damage from wind than from rain. Fields were literally swamped and much of the corn and grain badly damaged. Mountain streams were flooded and the Youghiogheny river went on a mild rampage. In this section the most serious damage is said to have been done between here and Scottsdales, particularly in the vicinity of Detwiler's Mill.

Probably the most serious individual loss was suffered by Jacob Detwiler, who lost the roof of the barn from that part of the Detwiler mill which sheltered some new machinery. It also loosened much slate from the roof of the main portion of the mill. Grain and flour were drenched by the heavy downpour of rain. The elevators and other machinery were also damaged. Many bundles of cherries were blown from the young trees and littered along the ground, a total loss, commercially. Other damage was done to crops there.

After threatening the greater part of the early night, the storm struck Connelville about midnight. It was continued at intervals until 5 o'clock Sunday morning. It seemed a veritable cloudburst from the quantity of water that fell. The streets were transformed into rivers. Main street about midnight being almost completely covered. Vivid flashes of lightning were apparent from 10 o'clock revealing the lowering clouds. It was not until a short time after 11, however, that the rain began to fall and even then it did not give indications of the violence it afterward showed.

When the storm got going right it had everything. Wind, lightning, thunder and rain came all together. After an hour's steady fall, there was a lull. But at 1 o'clock another tremendous storm came, lasting until 3:30. Another lull of a half hour and the third section of the storm began at 4 o'clock, it being said that it lasted less than an hour.

The really great downpour was evidenced by the rise in the river, which reached 5 feet Sunday morning, coming up from 4.50 during the night. The gauge of D. H. Flick showed 8.50, but the marks on the river banks showed that the highest point had been beyond that, the water had dropped to 5.50 feet and was falling rapidly.

During the second storm, lightning struck the home of Robert McGlothlin on Snyder street, tearing a large section from the roof and allowing the rain to enter and drench the interior.

On the home of J. L. Haines on Tenth street, West Side, was also struck by a bolt, bricks being thrown about the interior prominently. The bolt evidently ran down the chimney to the first floor where the furniture was in great disorder. No serious damage, however, was caused. A tree in the yard of W. W. Smith on Johnson avenue was blown down by the force of the wind.

Floating tree trunks, telegraph poles and other debris in the river gave indication that the damage up the mountain was also great.

The lightning of the third storm blew out the fuses of the fire alarm bell about 4 o'clock Sunday morning putting it out of service for a half hour. It was promptly repaired and is good working order all day.

**LOCAL MAN ELECTED.**

Rev. C. W. Winney Again Chosen President of the Educators.

SOMERSET, June 25.—Rev. C. W. Winney of Connelville was again elected president of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Union of the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren Church when the convention was held here last evening.

The delegates selected Rockwood as the place for the convention next year. There were 135 delegates present at the session.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

**RELEASED AFTER FIVE MONTHS  
IN JAIL FOR FALSE ARREST**

Unable to Pay Judgment of \$132.00,  
Sommere's Jail to Stay in Jail  
Until Friends Come.

UNIONTOWN, June 25.—After being in jail five months because he could not pay a judgment of \$132.00 secured against him in a suit for false arrest, Jos Sommere of Connelville was released from the county jail today after friends had come to his rescue and paid the full amount of the claim.

Sommere's imprisonment was one of the most unique in the legal history of Fayette county. Last fall he brought suit against Steve Kovach, Misi, charging him with evening his suit and was brought out, that the letter had come through the mail unopened. Then Misi had Sommere arrested for false arrest and a judgment of \$132.00 was secured against him.

Not wanting to stand good for that sum, Sommere's bondsman turned him over to the sheriff. There was nothing for Sheriff Kiefer to do but to put Sommere in jail, where he has remained ever since at the county's expense. He was arrested on a capias in action for trespass where the defendant owned to real estate, but the defendant, the unique situation under which he was jailed.

Suit for \$15,000 damages was filed at noon today by E. J. Overholt & Co. McMahon claims injuries suffered by his daughter, who fell through a trapdoor while employed as a laborer at the Overholt distillery.

A libel in divorce was filed today by Grace Mason of Dunbar township against J. E. Mason of Connelville. The pair were married in Cumberland on January 15, 1913. Desertion and cruel treatment are alleged. Mrs. Mason also petitions for alimony, declaring that her husband owns a suit of real estate and has an income of \$125 a month.

Mrs. Ada Balsley today filed a petition for an attack upon Lucy Leasure, which had been instituted by Charles M. Balsley of Connelville. She denies the allegations of her husband and adds that he is able to pay her \$20 a week and \$100 a month, fees, Balsley is a blacksmith.

Lydia Leasure of Wheeler wants a divorce from Franklin Leasure, who she says is worthless and a drunkard. They were married in Everson on June 20, 1913.

Joseph Samt of York Run, convicted for an attack upon Lucy Leasure, was sent to the workhouse for a year. John Kephart of Connelville was formally admitted to practice law before the Fayette county bar.

**THROWN FROM AUTO**

P. H. Ralston Seriously Hurt in Accident at Masontown.

P. H. Ralston, 47 years old, of the Masontown brewery, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Friday afternoon while on his way from the brewery to Uniontown. The car was driven by J. T. Hoover of Uniontown. Just as they neared the Masontown bridge the tire of the right wheel blew out. Mr. Hoover lost control and the car swerved and rolled down an embankment.

Mr. Ralston suffered a fracture of the left collar bone, wounds on the back and hip and a severe cut on his head. Mr. Hoover remained at the scene of the accident and the car was towed to the Masontown bridge where it was found. The car was demolished. Mr. Ralston is a cousin of J. W. Ralston of Connelville and is well known here.

**TWO TRAINMEN HURT**

Injured When Locomotive Strikes a Caboose.

While attempting to fix the air hose, Conductor Joseph and Flagman Vanosdale of an eastbound freight were badly bruised Saturday evening about 5:30. The men were attempting to fix the air line between the caboose and the locomotive when the engine backed into them. Vanosdale had his fingers badly bruised and his head bumped but Joseph only had a head hurt. Their escape was miraculous.

Vanosdale was unconscious and Doctor White was called. The caboose was derailed and crushed where the engine struck it. The engine says that the weight of the cars behind him made his brakes useless after they had been applied.

**SEEKS RELATIVES**

Soldier in West Wants to Find His  
Relatives: Lived Here.

Leo M. Barrett, a member of Company I, Twelfth Infantry, United States Army, stationed at Nogales, Ariz., writes The Courier to enlist its readers in his search for his relatives. Mr. Barrett asks particularly about Rig Reagan, a railroad man supposed to be in this section somewhere. He says his mother, who was a sister to Mrs. Reagan, died at the former's home in 1896. Barrett says he was four years old at that time and he has not heard from the Reagan since.

**HORSE FALLS ON BRIDGE**

Men Have Hard Time Extricating the  
Frightened Animal.

William Evans of Dickinson Run had an exciting experience Thursday night when a horse he was driving through Broad Ford became frightened and ran away. The animal broke loose from the carriage and dashed up the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie tracks about 200 yards to the bridge, where it fell through between the ties and was unable to extricate himself.

About the entire male population of Broad Ford was required to help get the animal back to earth.

**ARRESTED FOR FORGERY**

Man and Wife are Accused of Passing  
a Bogus Check.

SOMERSET, June 25.—John G. Miller and wife were arrested today between Rockwood and Trent, on charges of passing a check for \$25 which they had cashed at a store at Bakerstown.

It is alleged that both the man and his wife participated in the forgery.

**FOREIGNER RUNS AMUCK AT SMITHFIELD;  
SLAYS COUNTRYMAN, CHASES BRAKEMAN  
AND IS SHOT TRYING TO KILL VETERAN**

Hacks Victims With a Hatchet in Heat of Homicidal Frenzy; Aged Soldier's Life Saved  
When Little Girl Brings Him Weapon With Which to Defend Himself; Entire  
Community Terrorized by Wild Man, Who is Finally Killed.

Alex Lumar, a foreigner, running amuck in a fit of homicidal insanity killed a fellow countryman, attacked a railroad brakeman, gave fight to an aged veteran of the Civil War and a friend who came to the soldier's aid, and was in turn killed by a Smithfield citizen shortly before noon today. The country between Acme works and Smithfield was terrorized for nearly an hour.

The first trace of the crazy man began at Acme works shortly after noon Saturday when he appeared brandishing a hatchet and screaming hideously. He attacked Thomas Madris, standing near a company house. Unarmed and unable to defend himself, the first victim of the crazy man was literally hacked to bits. Slumped by the first blow, he was unable to resist. Blow after blow was rained upon him by the maniac, having virtually dismembered the body, lust for blood, the lunatic stepped up the railroad towards Smithfield.

James Matthews, a railroad brakeman, was the next victim selected by the murderer, but Matthews fled to the woods, escaping. Seeing that he was unable to cope with the madman, the assistant, Matthews took to a gat and outdistanced his pursuer.

The foreigner then started into Smithfield, his eyes fixed on the home of Omer Sutton, he saw Martin Hope, an aged veteran of the Civil War, sitting on the porch. He attacked Hope, and the defenseless man for a time was threatened with the fate of the unfortunate foreigner at Acme. His life was saved by his 10-year-old granddaughter, Martin Sutton. The little girl saw her grandfather's plight. She ran to the kitchen and obtained a hatchet, returning to the front porch. "Here, grandpa, use this," she cried. The old soldier grasped the hatchet and used it in his own defense. Sparks flew as the two weapons clashed from

time to time. Lumar was suffering from the assault he had already expended, but even when Hugh Sutton, attracted by the sounds of conflict, came to Hope's rescue, he was getting the best of the battle when it came to a sudden termination.

J. L. Martin, who resides opposite the Sutton home, saw the battle between Lumar and Hope about the same time as Sutton. Before rushing to the old man's defense, he ran into the house and obtained his revolver. Crossing the street he took to the rear and fired twice. The foreigner dropped, two bullets penetrating his brain.

Sheriff M. A. Kiefer and County Detective John Smith, summoned by the news of the killing, reached the scene shortly after the insane man had been killed. They are investigating the case in an effort to establish the identity of the murderer.

**HOMICIDAL MANIA**

SWEEPS FAYETTE;  
5 DEAD; 4 HURT

**Smithfield is Center of Unprecedented Excitement Over Sunday.****DEMENTED FARMER RUNS AMUCK**

Following Rampage of Crazy Foreigner, He Tries to Kill Family; Negroes Shot in Battle; Two Persons Dead by Suicide; Other Dies.

An unprecedented wave of homicide swept the southern end of the county over Sunday with the result that four persons are dead and five injured. Two are under arrest. The tragedy at Smithfield, caused by a foreigner running amuck when crazed, was followed by a battle of a few moments in a boarding house at the same place, later Saturday evening by the attempt of a farmer to kill his family. Two persons committed suicide. There were also deaths at Brownsville and Herr Hill, but no one was killed in either.

David Stewart, a farmer of White House, a Springfield township, came demented Saturday night from the effects of an injury he received 15 years ago. He tried to murder his wife, but was overpowered after attempting his revolver, none of the shots taking effect. Stewart was taken by physicians and before succumbing to the effect of an anesthetic is said to have threatened the extermination of his family.

Earlier in the day there was more excitement at Smithfield when Edward Garber, a negro, tried to break up a party in a Waterloo, Pa., boarding house. A battle of a few moments followed in which two men were killed. His victims were Jim Dunn, colored, wounded in the thigh, and Abe Snyder, colored, shot through the chest. Garber escaped, but was later taken by police.

Mrs. Harriet Sidwell Dietrich, 60 years old, was found dead at her home in Point Marion early Sunday morning. She had been shot through the head by her son, who was found by her side. It is believed she took the poison by mistake. Mrs. Dietrich was the wife of Frank Dietrich. She was found dead by her daughter.

Robert Raynor, 22 years old, shot himself through the head at Fairbairns Sunday morning. He had been melancholy at the time and for his rash act could be attributed by relatives.

Samuel Peck of Erie Hill and William McAners of West Br. were injured in a battle which occurred at those places Sunday. Matt Gulesz was arrested on the charge of attacking Peck, while Raynor, a negro, is being held for stabbing McAners.

A coroner's jury promptly acquitted E. M. McAners of West Br. village Alex Lumar, the foreigner who ran amuck there about noon Saturday. Lumar hacked Thomas Madris, another foreigner, to death at Acme works and then attacked Martin Hope, a Civil War veteran. Hope's injuries the not serious. Lumar also attempted to kill Morgan with the hatchet, but was shot to death.

**TO FIGHT PLAGUE**

Surgeon General Blue Dispatched to  
New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Surgeon General Blue of the public health service will go to New Orleans to take charge of the campaign against bubonic plague which has appeared there with one death and one case. After receipt of telegrams today from Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana board of health, the treasury department ordered the surgeon general to take charge. Dowling reported bacteriological confirmation of two cases. The Public Health Commission, however, will make its own investigation.

**MAIL CARRIER RESIGNS.**

George E. Showman to Quit After  
Ten Years' Service.

After ten years' service, George E. Showman has resigned as city mail carrier to enter another line of business. The resignation will be effective July 1.

Harry C. Joy, an auxiliary carrier who has been working part time for a year, will succeed Mr. Showman, and Robert Muller, substitute carrier, will succeed Joy.

**TWO BOYS RISK LIVES ON  
WAGER AND NEARLY DROWN**

Start Swimming Down River from  
West Penn Dam; One is  
Dragged Out.

Two boys risked their lives on a wager Sunday by attempting to swim the entire stream just below the West Penn dam, opposite Greene Junction. They swam downstream. When they reached the Young bridge, both were about exhausted and one of them, a lad said to be named Hilson, began calling for help.

His companion was in better shape and for the middle part of the swim he obtained a footing and remained until he could regain his strength. The boy was not so fortunate, however, and for a time faced the danger of being carried through the rapids below the Baltimore & Ohio station. He managed, however, to make the shore and was dragged to safety by Edward O'Connor's residence on the West Side.

The boy on the pier swam ashore after he had there long enough to get his breath.

**PAROCHIAL COMMENCEMENT**

Largest Class is Graduated With  
Honors.

The annual commencement exercises of the Parochial schools were held Monday night in the Parochial school hall in the presence of a large congregation. The schools having graduates were: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Ignace, St. Francis, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Charles, St. John, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. James, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, St. Basil, St. Constantine, St. Helena, St. Agatha, St. Barbara, St. Elizabeth, St. Anne, St. Mary, St. Martha, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Catherine, St. Margaret, St. Ursula, St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, St. Dorothea, St. Rosalia, St. Rosalinde, St. Euphemia, St. Anastasia, St. Thecla, St. Zenobia, St. Eudocia, St. Placidia, St. Chelonia, St. Felicitas, St. Perpetua, St. Agatha, St. Barbara, St. Elizabeth, St. Anne, St. Mary, St. Martha, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Catherine, St. Margaret, St. Ursula, St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, St. Dorothea, St. Rosalia, St. Rosalinde, St. Euphemia, St. Anastasia, St. Thecla, St. Zenobia, St. Eudocia, St. Placidia, St. Chelonia, St. Felicitas, St. Perpetua, St. Agatha, St. Barbara, St. Elizabeth, St. Anne, St. Mary, St. Martha, St. Mary Magdalene, St. 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**NAME RECEIVERS  
FOR CLAFIN CO.;  
BIG FIRM FAILS**

Liabilities of Mammoth Dry Goods Concern are  
**\$33,000,000**

**BUSINESS DEPRESSION BLAMED**

Wholesalers Unable to Take Care of Commercial Paper Maturing Much of It Issued by Retailers Through-out the Country; Many Banks Hit.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Receivers were named today for the wholesale dry goods establishment of the H. B. Clafin Company. Associates companies were not involved. The receivers were named as a result of a suit in equity filed in the district court. Judge L. Hand named as receivers James H. Martin, president of the Chemical National Bank, and Frederick A. Guillard, a member of the firm of A. B. Guillard & Co., under bonds of \$500,000 each.

Announcement was made this afternoon that all the so-called Clafin stores, strictly speaking, would be closed, pending a settlement of the company's affairs.

The liabilities of the firm represented by commercial paper held all over the country are estimated at \$33,000,000. It is said that the company did not borrow heavily on its own paper, but endorsed notes made by interior merchants for goods sold. The liability of these interior houses and the inability of the H. B. Clafin Company to pay off the matured portion of these notes is ascribed to general dull business, to decreased sales and to slow collection.

It is understood that the Clafin company controls about 23 dry goods firms in the United States district and apart from them, with the United Dry Goods Companies. Between 2,500 and 3,000 banks hold paper of these stores. Twenty-five or 30 of the larger discount banks in the city are creditors for large amounts. The liabilities are estimated at about \$33,000,000, the assets at \$4,000,000. The following statement was given out by the H. B. Clafin Company:

"The unprecedented shifting of trade centers in New York has caused great loss to many interests. In the case of the H. B. Clafin Company, the upturn movement of business has seriously curtailed our wholesale profits and has compelled us to rely mainly on the profit from financing retail stores throughout the country. Their rapidly expanding business has occasioned large capital requirements which we have not been able to meet. A receivership has therefore become necessary. A plan of reorganization for the H. B. Clafin Company will soon be presented which we hope will prove acceptable to all."

"The Associated Merchants' Company and the United Dry Goods Companies are not themselves borrowers of money. They are in exceedingly strong financial position and the success of their retail stores is assured." The H. B. Clafin Company, of which John Clafin is president, was organized in 1890 to conduct a wholesale dry goods business. It is controlled by the Associated Merchants' Company, which in turn is controlled by the United Dry Goods Companies.

The United Dry Goods Companies was incorporated under the laws of Delaware May 21, 1903, to consolidate the dry goods interests of John Clafin in New York and other cities.

The receivership caused a flurry in the financial district, although rumors that something was afoot were rampant all day yesterday. It was asserted in banking circles that the many retail subsidiaries affiliated with the interests would be taken care of. The appointment of receivers is ascribed to an over-extension of credit.

**MESTREZAT DECLINES**

Will Not Serve as Mediator in Street Car Dispute.

PITTSBURGH, June 22.—It was announced at a meeting of the Pittsburgh Railway Company on Saturday night by Congressman Stephen G. Porter, who was selected by them as their representative on the arbitration board which will discuss their grievance against the Supreme Court Justice B. Leslie Mestrezat, who had been decided upon by the men and by the Pittsburgh Railway Company, as third man on the board, has absolutely declined to serve.

Justice Mestrezat had made his plans for his summer vacation and they could not be cancelled to permit him to serve.

**10 SHEET MILLS TO CLOSE.**

Disagreement Over Wage Scale to Cause Shutdown.

Eleven sheet iron and tin plate plants employing more than 4,000 men, will close down for an indefinite period July 1, it was announced at Atlantic City as a result of the failure of the Associated Iron, Steel & Tin Plate Workers' Association and the owners of the plants to agree at the conference there.

A conference between the workers and mill owners in the bar iron industry, held last week, had a similar ending.

**BUSINESS PICKS UP.**

Heavier Trucks Being Handled Over Country.

Heavier trucks are now being operated over the Whitsett cutoff at the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad. Within the past few days trains of 30 to 40 cars are being hauled into the Dickinson Run yards. Last month the trains were from 12 to 20 cars long. The Baltimore & Ohio is now delivering as high as 75 cars a day to the Lake Erie over the West Young train. For and traffic is also improving over the Western Maryland. July traffic is expected to be brisk.

**ALL CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR  
NEW WEST PENN. EXTENSION**

Trolley Cars Expected to Operate Additional Uniontown Line by Next November.

All of the contracts for the completion of the trolley line from Oliver No. 2 shaft to Uniontown have been awarded by the West Penn Railway Company and Chief Engineer J. L. Fritsch has predicted that the three-quarter mile link would be open for riding by November 1, or probably a little before that date.

The contract for grading the link will be awarded to Reagan, Lynch & Co. of Uniontown some time today. After affixing their signatures to the necessary papers the contractors will put a force of men at work tomorrow morning and the work will be rushed as quickly as possible. As fast as the grading of the roadbed is completed, the West Penn roadway force will follow with the track laying, so that when the Reagan company finishes up its part of the work the line will be almost ready for use. The stringing of trolley wires, signal lines and the ballasting will go forward at the same time.

The contract for the bridge over the Pennsylvania railroad tracks just outside of Uniontown, which was awarded to the Penn Bridge Company of Beaver Falls on Monday, will be completed in 90 days from that time. The span is to be 190 feet long. Work on this is to begin within the next month.

The grading will begin at the Oliver No. 2 and of the line and work back toward Uniontown. Between 75 and 100 men will be employed at the start.

Application for permission to bridge Redstone creek was made to the State Water Commission yesterday.

**SHIPS MAKE PANAMA**

Balboa and Cristobal Have Already Become Ports of Call.

PANAMA, June 27.—The canal terminals at Balboa and Cristobal have now become regular ports of call for several steamship lines. Interruption of the Tehuantepec railroad route across Southern Mexico drove considerable shipping to these ports, but even now with the Tehuantepec service reestablished there are many boats which continue to call at Balboa or Cristobal for transfer of cargo across the isthmus.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has gone back to the Mexican ports, but only until the canal is ready for regular use. The Elder & Fyfe Company, however, which has hitherto had only an occasional service between Liverpool and Cristobal, has now increased its service and is running regular steamships, and a Norwegian line of tramp steamers call regularly, while on the west coast the Salvadorian Railway Steamship Line Company has been diverted from Mexican ports to Balboa. It is understood also that steamers of a new Japanese line will begin service to Balboa soon.

**NEW BENTLEYVILLE MINE**

Pittsburgh-Youghiogheny Company to Add 2,000 Tons Daily to Output.

One of the largest new coal mining operations to be developed in the immediate Pittsburgh district in some years, is under way in Washington county, near Bentleyville, where the Pittsburgh-Youghiogheny Coal Company is sinking a shaft and will shortly open a new mine that will employ over 450 miners and will have a daily output of approximately 3,000 tons of coal.

The mine is located in what is called the Van Vorhis district and the company has 1,000 acres of coal land there to work. The contract for the sinking of the mine, including the shaft and slope, was awarded recently to P. J. Foye and the shaft and slope are to be of concrete construction.

**NO PANHANDLE DIVIDEND**

Directors Pass Declaration on Common Preferred Reduced.

PHILADELPHIA, June 24.—The directors of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad, the Panhandle system, subsidiary of the Pennsylvania railroad, today passed the dividend on the common stock and reduced the dividend on the preferred stock to one half of one percent for the quarter. The Pennsylvania directors for the lines west of Pittsburgh, declared the usual semi-annual dividend of three percent.

Three months ago the dividend rate of the Panhandle preferred was reduced from 5 to 4 per cent and on the common from 3 to 2 per cent annually in the quarterly distribution.

**EXAMINATIONS HERE.**

Candidates for Mine Foreman and Fire Box Certificate Qualified.

Eighteen of the successful candidates for fire box certificates underwent an oral examination in the Armory Saturday. The test was completed at noon and it was announced that all had passed successfully.

This afternoon five candidates for mine foreman's papers and 15 for assistants' certificates are being examined. It was expected that they, too, would finish up before this evening.

The examinations were conducted by Mine Inspector P. J. Walsh, Robert DeFries, representing the operators, and John Conway, representing the miners.

**FAYETTE CITY FIRE.**

Stables and Dwellings of Coal Company Destroyed.

A fire of unknown origin in the stables of the Pittsburgh Coal Company at Fayette City Thursday morning did a damage of \$7,000. The firemen were unable to get the blaze under control on account of the scarcity of water.

The stables and a dwelling owned by the company were destroyed. Another dwelling owned by William Ashton was also burned down.

**LANDS WORTH MANY  
MILLIONS ARE WON  
BY THE RAILROADS**

Supreme Court Holds Their Title to Oil Property is Valid

**GOVERNMENT EXEMPTION UPSET**

Justices Decide Clause Making Land Revert to U. S. in Event of Minerals Being Discovered is Invalid; Long Fight is at an End at Last.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Transcontinental railroads won their fight for the title to some several hundred million dollars worth of oil lands when the Supreme Court today held void the clause in the patents making the land revert to the government if found to contain minerals.

More than \$700,000,000 worth of oil lands owned by the great transcontinental railroads are involved in the Supreme Court's decision in the case of Edmund Burke, who claimed title to part of the lands which were granted by the government to the Southern Pacific railroad in California.

The government contended that when it gave the lands to the railroad it did not grant valuable minerals not then known to exist.

The government issued a patent in 1864 to the Southern Pacific in aid of its construction of a transcontinental line. Patents were issued likewise to the Northern Pacific and other lines traversing the plains and the Rockies to the coast. Each patent contained an exception and reservation reading as follows:

"Reserving and excepting all mineral lands should any such be found in the tracts aforesaid, but this exception and reservation, according to the terms of the statute, shall not be construed to include coal and iron lands."

For years a fierce controversy has been waged as to the effect of the discovery of oil. The railroads contended that oil was not a mineral and therefore oil lands were not excepted from the grant. Furthermore, the railroads contended that the exception was void under the law governing Burke's claims.

The value of the property at stake has been emphasized by showing that it is more than the valuation placed upon both real and personal property for taxation in either Louisiana, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina or Nebraska, and nearly as great as that in Georgia, Kentucky or Oregon. The value is said to be seven times as great as all the gold coin in the United States and about three times the combined public debts of the various states.

**LOTS OF COAL MOVED.**

Shipments Through Lock No. 4 High Mark for May.

Coal shipments through Lock No. 4 on the Monongahela river during May aggregated 18,200,000 bushels as against 15,925,000 bushels in May, 1913.

This is one of the highest made for the corresponding month, which shows that there has been considerable mining activity at river mines.

**CHARGES UNION AGENTS USE  
STRIKERS TO BLACKMAIL**

Chicago Contractor Takes Steps to Prevent Alleged Extortion by Labor Leaders.

CHICAGO, June 25.—As the first step in his announced intention of sending some "blackmailing union business agents to jail," John J. McLaughlin, contractor and politician, held a conference with James H. Wilkerson, United States district attorney here today. McLaughlin said he had paid \$7,000 blackmail under threat of having strikes called on him.

He declared that George Hammond, business agent for the excavators' union, who was killed yesterday by Patrick Dignan, a contractor, was one of the guilty men.

"Dignan was exasperated beyond restraint by blackmail which threatened his ruin," McLaughlin told the district attorney.

Besides Hammond, McLaughlin named John Haley, business agent of the sand, limestone and cement teamsters' union, and Michael Norris of the same union.

"In the last year I paid them \$2,500 for the privilege of doing business," said McLaughlin. "Last Thursday they demanded \$5,000 more. I had suffered too much in the brickmakers' strike and I made up my mind that I was through. I told them to get out. Yesterday morning I went out to my plant and found they had called a strike on me. Hammond was the man and I asked him what was the matter. 'I know mighty well what is the matter,' he said. 'Kick in with the dough; you are no fool.' Then I exploded."

The contractors are not the heaviest sufferers, had as the situation is. The honest workman gets the worst of it. He is on strike most of the time and generally doesn't know what it is about."

**MILLS TO OPERATE.**

Big Orders Start McKeesport Plant on Full Time.

Having booked some big orders, the National Tube Company of McKeesport has issued orders that the mills resume operations Saturday, and that two additional welding furnaces resume operations at once.

It is reported that the entire plant will be in operation after July 23. For some time the mills had been working at about 75 per cent of capacity, and few were working on Saturdays. Three blast furnaces are now in operation and it is believed a fourth will be fired as soon as possible. It is stated that the McKeesport mills have been working more steadily than those of many other United States Steel concerns.

**RESUME PRISON TERMS.**

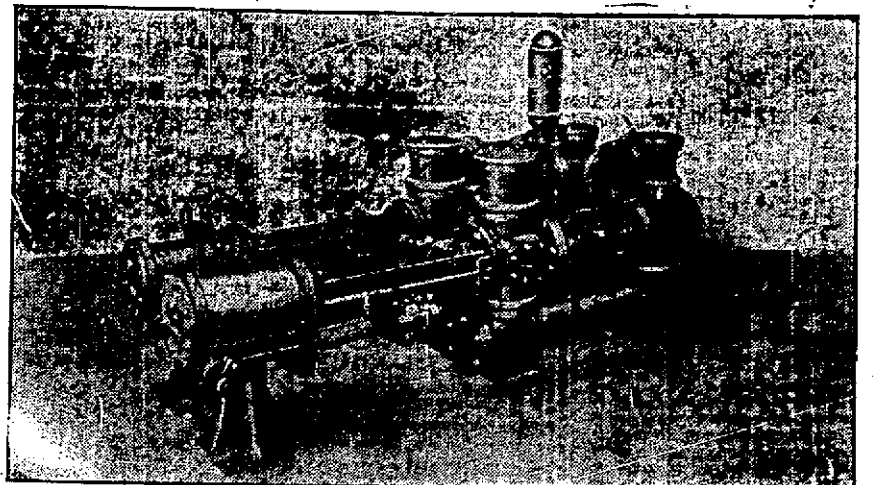
Iron Workers are Admitted to Leavenworth to Finish Doing Time.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., June 23.—The twelve ironworkers convicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases who arrived here last night to begin their sentences were put through the routine process of dressing in at the United States penitentiary today.

When the men came from the ward where they spent the night, having arrived too late to be assigned to cells, each one was given a bath, a shave, a new suit of clothes and new prison shoes, and their prison life which began New Year's Day a year ago but was interrupted by their release on bond, started anew.

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